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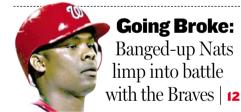
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SHUTTLE LAUNCH | RETURN TO SPACE, TAKE 2



WAIT AND SEE: Bud Mann settles in along the Indian River in Titusville, Fla., on Monday hoping for a good view of Tuesday's planned launch of the shuttle Discovery. A faulty fuel gauge forced NASA to scrub its July 13 launch. • Ready or not: NASA may bend its rules and launch despite a faulty gauge | Page 3

Rift Splits Organized Labor

Two large unions leave AFL-CIO over future of movement

CHICAGO | The AFL-CIO splintered on Monday, spooking some Democratic Party leaders and the ranks of organized workers, their futures now in the hands of labor rebels who bolted the 50-year-old federation vowing to reverse the steep decline in union membership.

"Our goal is not to divide the labor movement but to rebuild it," said Andy Stern, president of the 1.8 million-member Service Employees International Union. He and Teamsters President James P. Hoffa said their unions would leave the AFL-CIO, paving the way for other unions to follow.

Their action drew a bitter rebuke from AFL-CIO President John Sweeney, who called it a "grievous insult" that could hurt workers already buffeted by the global economy and anti-union forces in Congress.

The future of the labor movement could be greatly affected by the success or failure of Stern's effort to build a coalition outside the AFL-CIO that dedicates more money and manpower to recruiting union members while adjusting to demands of the global economy.

His Change to Win Coalition consists of seven unions, four of which boycotted this week's AFL-CIO convention. Those four unions represent one-third of the AFL-CIO's 13 million members. The SEIU and Teamsters alone account for more than \$20 million of an estimated \$120 million AFL-CIO budget.

Much of that money goes to Democratic candidates and to political operations that benefit the Democratic Party. RON FOURNIER (AP)



computer software, and then mail them out after the customer's death. Although he encourages customers to be positive in their message, owner Frederic Camboulives said some do use the service to take a few parting shots. (EXPRESS) EyeOpeners | Page 2

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DEBTS

Repo Man Now the Easiest Job Ever

A device that auto dealers can install shuts the car down when owners are late with a payment, the St. Petersburg Times reported. When the payment is due, the On Time/Payment Protection System — a black box mounted under the dash — first alerts the driver with a blinking red light, which pulses more insistently day by day. On the fourth day, it beeps continuously. On the fifth day, the car won't start. After making a payment, the customer enters a code to restart the car. About 1,500 dealerships in the country use the device; car dealer Chuck Lutes said it has increased on-time payments from 65 percent to 95 percent, and he doesn't even do credit checks anymore. And it's not all bad for drivers, he said, because reminding them to get their payments in improves their credit ratings



Six Years of Losing Also Not a Fluke

A Bonduel, Wis., couple who won the state lottery's second chance drawing five weeks in a row earlier this year is simply lucky and persistent. That's the conclusion of a Department of Revenue audit that found no fraud connected to the winnings of Jeffrey and Lisa Hintz. Jeffrey Hintz told officials he spends thousands of dollars on lottery tickets every week, though they've won \$73,000 from the lottery since 1999. (AP)

CONVENTIONS

Christmas in July

Christmas is only once a year, but being Santa is a yearlong job. One annual duty is attending the World Santa Claus Congress in Copenhagen, where more than IOO Santas, along with their little helpers, gathered Monday. Copenhagen officials could breathe a sigh of relief as demonstrations against the WSCC's elf-labor policies never occurred. (EXPRESS)





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BUTTS OUT? Legislators in New Jersey have proposed a measure that would ban smoking while driving, with offenders facing a fine of up to \$250. Supporters say the move would improve highway safety; opponents call it a Big Brother intrusion.



Nation



Cpl. Dustin Berg, left, arrives at his court martial Monday in Fort Knox, Ky.

FORT KNOX, KY

Guardsman Gets 18 Months For Killing Iraqi Policeman

An Indiana national guardsman pleaded guilty Monday to negligent homicide in the death of an Iraqi police officer, a crime he was accused of attempting to cover up by shooting himself in the stomach. Cpl. Dustin Berg, 22, of Ferdinand, Ind., will spend 18 months in prison and receive a bad conduct discharge from the Army. (AP)

BOWLING GREEN, VA.

4 Boy Scout Leaders Killed in Electrical Accident

Four Scout leaders were killed Monday afternoon in an electrical accident during the opening day of the Boy Scouts of America's annual Jamboree, which draws more than 40,000 scouts, leaders and volunteers. Spokesman Gregg Shields said the accident occurred between 4:30 and 5 p.m. in a campground. He did not have additional details, including the victims' names. (AP)

NASA Could Ditch Rules for Launch

Shuttle could take off even if gauge remains faulty, officials say

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA. | With the countdown entering its final hours and a fuel gauge problem still unexplained, NASA said it is prepared to bend its long-standing safety rules to launch the shuttle Tuesday on the first flight since Columbia's doomed mission 2 1/2 years ago.

Discovery and a crew of seven were set to blast off for the international space station at 10:39 a.m., after a two-week delay caused by a malfunctioning hydrogen fuel gauge in the spaceship's giant external tank.

Nature, rather than the fuel gauge, could ultimately decide whether Discovery takes off. Forecasters put the odds of good launch weather at 60 percent, with rain and storm clouds both posing threats.

NASA had the paperwork ready to go in case the equipment trouble reappeared and the space agency's



SHUTTLE SHOT: Cameraman Jim Kain makes final adjustments Monday to his camera at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

managers decided to press ahead with the launch with just three of the four fuel gauges working. That would mean deviating from a rule instituted after the 1986 Challenger explosion.

"It's an acceptable risk and actually it's quite a low one," NASA Administrator Michael Griffin said Monday. The fuel gauges are designed to prevent the main engines from running too long or not long enough, in case the fuel tank is leaking or some other major breakdown occurs. Marcia dunn (AP)

Follow the launch: The latest from Cape Canaveral as Discovery gets a second chance | washingtonpost.com

HEARSAY | DETAINEES

"I reject the idea that ... our military is out of control, is confused about what their ... responsibilities are."

-SEN. JEFF SESSIONS, R-ALA. SPEAKING AGAINST A PUSH TO SET RULES FOR TREATING TERROR SUSPECTS IN U.S. CUSTODY

Ballston

Bolton May Be Recess Appointment

WASHINGTON | Frustrated by Senate Democrats, the White House hinted Monday that President Bush may act soon to sidestep Congress and install embattled nominee John Bolton as ambassador to the United Nations on a temporary basis.

White House press secretary Scott McClellan said Bush has used his power for temporary appoint-



Bolton

in place that have waited far too long to get about doing their business." He said that "sometimes there's come a point" when Bush has decided he needs to act.

ments when "he

has to get people

Bolton's nomination has been stalled for months. Critics say Bolton, who has been accused of mistreating subordinates and who has been openly skeptical about the U.N., would hurt U.S. efforts to work with other countries on global matters. The administration says the tough-talking Bolton is ideally suited to lead an effort to overhaul the U.N. bureaucracy and make it more accountable. (AP)



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Nation



NO TO 2008: Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., who has been mentioned as a potential presidential candidate, told washingtonpost.com on Monday he has no plans to run in 2008.

Warning on Roberts' Papers

Senators told not to push for high court nominee's past memos

WASHINGTON | The White House on Monday warned Democrats not to make extensive requests for Supreme Court nominee John Roberts' legal writings in previous Republican administrations, saving many such documents are "out of bounds."

With Bush's first chance to shape the Supreme Court at stake, the White House is hoping to avoid the kind of showdown with Democrats over document requests that has stymied Senate confirmation of some of the president's other high-profile nominees. Democrats have hinted they may seek such documents to

shed more light on his stands on key issues. Asked repeat-

Roberts

edly to say whethertheadministration was open to making Roberts' writings as a for-

mer administration lawyer available, White House press secretary Scott McClellan avoided saying "no" outright. "We want to work with the

"Ilt seems the less they say to the committee, the better off they are."

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, recalling advice he gave to Supreme Court hopeful John Roberts about past nominees' experiences. Can Roberts win big by saying little? | Today's A Section

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members of the Senate to make sure that they have the appropriate information so that they can do their job," McClellan said. JENNIFER LOVEN (AP)

HEAT WAVE | TROUBLE AHEAD



SAND TRAP: His friends are cool at Walnut Beach in Ashtabula, Ohio — but Cody Stevenson, 7, is stuck, at least briefly, in the sweltering summer heat. Temperatures over 100 degrees blanketed the Midwest again Monday.

Judge: Railroad **Plan Must Cover Birth Control**

LINCOLN, NEB. | Union Pacific Railroad discriminated against women by not covering contraceptives in its health care plan, a federal judge has ruled.

U.S. District Judge Laurie Smith Camp ruled in a class-action lawsuit that claimed the company discriminated by providing a range of preventive health benefits - including impotence drugs — but no contraceptive care.

Union Pacific spokesman Mark Davis said the ruling will be appealed because, among other things, the decision to exclude contraceptives in the benefits package was negotiated with the company's unions. (AP)

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African Offensive: The U.S. military is embarking on a major, long-term push into Africa to fight the spread of terrorism. | Page AI

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Mom Admits Throwing Teen Sex Parties

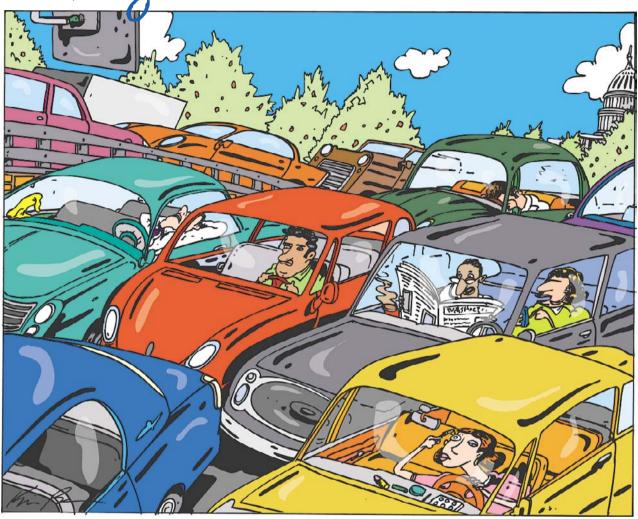
GOLDEN, COLO. | A woman who told police she wanted to be a "cool mom" pleaded guilty to sexual assault charges Monday for having sex with high school boys at parties where authorities said she supplied drugs and alcohol.

Silvia Johnson, 40, pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor counts of sexual assault and nine felony counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Prosecutors did not recommend

a sentence, but each sexual assault count carries up to four years in prison, and each count of contributing to the delinquency of a minor carries up to nine years, district attorney's spokeswoman Pam Russell said.

Johnson, who is free on bail, held parties for the boys almost weekly between October 2003 and October 2004, authorities said. She was accused of providing drugs and alcohol to eight boys and having sex with five of them. (AP)



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World



STRANGE TRIP: Olympic cycling silver medallist Franco Marvulli used his bicycle to stop a runaway car on a busy street in central Zurich, police said Monday. Marvulli ultimately abandoned his bike in the car's path, stopping the vehicle but ruining his ride.

Police Find Clues to Failed Attacks

Bombs made using same type of container; two suspects identified

LONDON | A clear plastic food tub could be a significant clue for police hunting those behind the botched London transit bombings: Detectives said Monday that the four bombs, and a fifth discovered later in a park, were all made using the same kind of humble kitchen container.

London police also identified two of the four suspects, and their chief said the force was "racing against time" to find the bombers, who fled three subway trains and a bus when their devices failed to fully detonate last Thursday.

At a televised press conference, Peter Clarke, head of the Metropolitan Police anti-terrorist squad, held up one of the white-lidded, containers — called a Delta 6250 — and urged any shopkeeper who had sold five or more of them to contact police. In another similarity between the bombings, he said the containers were all placed inside dark-colored bags or backpacks.

Police identified two of the suspects as Yasin Hassan Omar,



Police official Peter Clarke displays a container similar to the type used in the botched London bombings on July 21.

24, and Muktar Said Ibrahim, 27, also known as Muktar Mohammed Said, but did not give their nationalities.

Authorities also released new closed-circuit images of the four suspects and gave details of their movements, recounting how one bolted from a subway station pursued by passengers, while another jumped through a subway window and fled down the tracks.

Armed officers raided a London apartment that Said — suspected of trying to bomb a bus in east London on Thursday — was believed to have visited recently. JILL LAWLESS (AP)

MAN SHOT 8 TIMES

• A BRAZILIAN MAN mistakenly killed by anti-terrorist police in London was shot eight times, Britain's police complaints com-

Monday.
Witnesses
had previously said
they thought
electrician
Jean Charles
de Menezes

mission said



Menezes

was shot five times. Prime Minister Tony Blair said Monday he was "desperately sorry" about the killing, but said the police were working in "very, very difficult circumstances." (AP)

SPAIN | STRUMMING ALONG



MUSIC MAN: During a tip to Spain for a conference, former President Clinton receives a tiple, a small instrument similar to a ukulele, from children dressed in traditional garb in Santa Cruz de Tenerife on Monday.

Egyptian Forces Widen Probe of Resort Assault

SHARM EL-SHEIK, EGYPT | Security forces hunted through desert mountains Monday for militants suspected in the bombings in this Red Sea resort, and police searched for five Pakistanis in their investigation into Egypt's deadliest terror attack.

DNA tests were being run on two bodies that are possibly those of bombers, one believed to be Egyptian, the other a foreigner, a security official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the inquiry.

The government fired the heads of security in North and South Sinai provinces — a sign of the failures that may have allowed the Saturday assault that killed as many as 88 people.

Police launched their desert sweep in two areas, Rouessat and Khorum, after getting a tip that sus-



A man walks through debris near the site of the Sharm el-Sheik bombings.

pects may have gone there, security officials said. They also spoke on condition of anonymity.

At the same time, police were circulating photographs of the five Pakistanis, who were believed to have come to Sharm from Cairo in the second week of July, at least two investigators said. SARAH EL DEEB (AP)

In Brief

PARIS

Families of Concorde Crash Victims Mark Anniversary

Families of the 113 people killed in the fiery crash of an Air France Concorde marked the five-year anniversary of the tragic accident in a private memorial ceremony on Monday. About 100 relatives of the victims joined Air France executives in laying flowers at a memorial at Charles de Gaulle Airport near the spot where Concorde went down. The supersonic jet crashed shortly after takeoff from Charles de Gaulle on July 25, 2000. (AP)

VATICAN CITY

Israel Criticizes Pope for Omission in Terror Remarks

Pope Benedict XVI faced the first major conflict of his papacy when Israel summoned the Vatican envoy Monday and expressed outrage that



Benedict XVI

the pope "deliberately failed" to condemn terrorist attacks against Israelis. In remarks he made Sunday in Italy, Benedict prayed for God to

stop the "murderous hand" of terrorists and referred to the recent "abhorrent terrorist attacks" in Egypt, Britain, Turkey and Iraq but did not mention attacks in Israel. (AP)

Annan to Inspect Zimbabwe Drive

HARARE, ZIMBABWE | President Robert Mugabe has invited U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan to inspect a so-called urban cleanup campaign for himself after Annan's envoy slammed the destruction of slums, the state-run Herald newspaper reported Monday.

At the United Nations Monday, Annan said he would accept the invitation to see the campaign's effects firsthand.

Mugabe extended the invitation during a telephone conversation on Friday, when the report was released, presidential spokesman George Charamba was quoted as saying. (AP)

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World



FEVER PITCH: Japan is firmly baseball-crazy, a poll finds. Some 36 percent of Japanese people queried named baseball as their favorite sport, followed by soccer at 22 percent.

Key Nuclear Envoys Meet

U.S., North Koreans engage in rare dialogue as 6-party talks open

BEIJING | U.S. and North Korean envoys tried Monday to pave the way for progress at six-nation talks stalled for more than a year on demands the North give up its nuclear ambitions.

In a rare one-on-one meeting, U.S. envoy Christopher Hill and North Korean Vice Foreign Minister Kim Kve Gwan did not discuss specific issues, such as whether the North has a uranium enrichment program, a senior U.S. official said.



U.S. envoy Christopher Hill sits next to North Korea's Kim Kye Gwan in Beijing.

Instead, the two envoys discussed the terms of their dispute, such as what the North means when it says it wants a nuclearfree Korean peninsula, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Because the two countries have so little contact, U.S. agreement to meet one-on-one could be seen as a minor concession to the North Koreans, who long have wanted to resolve the dispute through direct talks with Washington.

The round of talks set to start Tuesday is the fourth in a series that have produced no major progress. They also include host China, South Korea, Japan and Russia.

Hill, an assistant secretary of state, met with his North Korean counterpart for about 75 minutes at a Chinese government guesthouse as all the delegations held a flurry of contacts to prepare for the talks. JOE MCDONALD (AP)



IN NEED: Drought and a severe locust invasion last year have left some 2.5 million people in Niger, such as these residents of Tchadoua, in desperate need of food.

Effects of Niger Famine Spread

UNITED NATIONS | The humanitarian crisis in the drought-ravaged west African nation of Niger is also affecting at least 1.6 million people in nearby Mali, Burkina Faso and Mauritania, the United Nations said Monday.

Last year's invasion of locusts and subsequent drought that left 2.5 million people in Niger in desperate need of food have created food shortages and hunger else-

where in the Sahel region, said the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

U.N. humanitarian chief Jan Egeland warned last week that 150,000 of the 800,000 malnourished children in Niger will die unless food gets to them soon. He blamed the international community for ignoring early pleas for aid that could have prevented the "acute humanitarian crisis." (AP)

ROAD WORK: Rome's cobblestone streets may soon be relegated to a few pedestrian squares as the city paves over some of the stones that first appeared more than 2,000 years ago. The plan elicits mixed feelings among Romans, fed up with driving over the potholed roads but attached to the cobbles, known locally as "sampietrini," or "little stones of St. Peter's." (AP)

Sunnis End Boycott of Committee

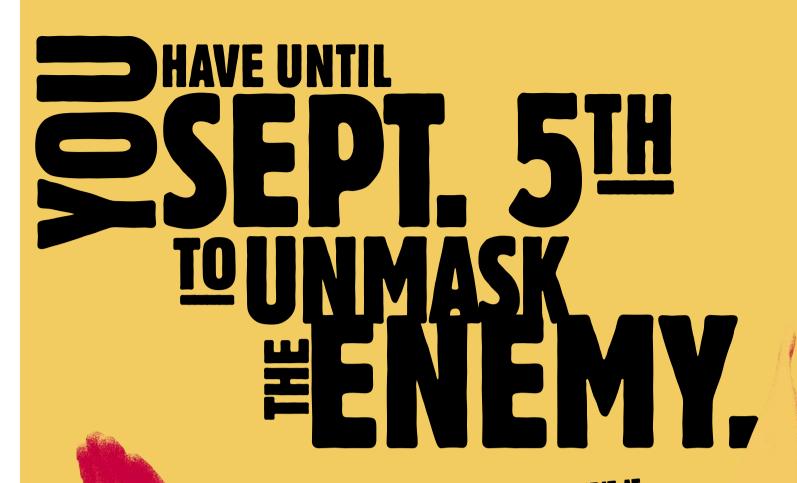
Iraqi group says it will rejoin efforts to draft country's constitution

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Sunni Arabs ended their boycott of the committee drafting Iraq's new constitution Monday three weeks before the deadline for its approval - easing fears the document will be rejected by the community at the heart of the insurgency.

A Sunni member of the constitutional commission, Saleh al-Mutlag, told The Associated Press he and his 11 colleagues agreed to resume work after receiving verbal assurances from the government that their grievances about security would be addressed.

Sunni Arab participation in the drafting of the constitution is considered essential if it is to be accepted as legitimate by the influential minority community.

Sunni Arabs make up about 20 percent of the country's 27 million people but dominate areas of central, western and northern Iraq where the insurgency is raging. BASSEM MROUE (AP)



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MOVING FORWARD: Starting in August, you may start seeing a new contraption on Metro station platforms and trains. Metro's board recently approved a measure that would allow Segways to enter the train system during off-peak hours.

Hairston's Killer **Asks Forgiveness**

WASHINGTON | One of two women who admitted killing a former school board member pleaded for forgiveness Monday, before a District of Columbia Superior Court judge sentenced her to more than 16 1/2 years in prison without parole.

Arkeeta Hendrick, 21, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in April, admitting that she killed Terry Hairston during as attempted robbery in May 2004 at a home

on Burns Street SE. Hairston tried to put up a fight when he was shot to death.

Hendrick's friend, Dannielle Wayne, 22, also pleaded guilty and is expected to be sentenced later this week.

Hairston, who served on the D.C. Board of Education from 1995 through 1998, was renewing his political ambitions with plans to run for the Ward 7 seat on the D.C. Council. BRETT ZONGKER (AP)

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HE HAS HIS TARGET: David Simms, 19, is ready to strike an opponent during a game of night-time dodgeball at Tilden Woods Park in Rockville, Md. The team game has grown in popularity among local youth. | Today in Metro

In Brief

ROCKVILLE, MD.

Mont. County Upgrades Security on Suburban Buses

Video cameras are among several security enhancements being added to protect passengers on Montgomery County's Ride On buses.

Uniformed and plainclothes officers have been traveling on the buses in recent months, officials announced Monday. Buses also have been equipped with silent alarms and cell phones, allowing drivers to alert authorities in case of an emergency. (AP)

CHARLESTON, W.VA

WETA President Diagnosed With Colorectal Cancer

Sharon Rockefeller, president and

CEO of WETA public television and radio in Washington, D.C., and wife of Sen. Jay Rockefeller, has been diagnosed with colorectal



Rockefeller

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cancer, the senator said Monday.

Rockefeller, D-W.Va., said his wife will be undergoing daily chemotherapy and radiation treatment for the next three months. (AP)

Philly-Bound Bus Tips Over on I-95

BALTIMORE | A Greyhound bus ran off a highway during a heavy downpour and slipped onto its side Monday, sending 34 people to hospitals, including several who were seriously hurt, officials said.

Sections of Interstate 95 on the eastern edge of Baltimore were closed for several hours after the Washington-to-Philadelphia bus

crashed just after 6 a.m.

Two people were trapped in the bus and had to be pulled out by rescue crews, fire officials said.

Gary McLhinney, chief of the Maryland Transportation Authority police, said the accident happened just after a tractor-trailer passed the bus and kicked up road spray. BRIAN WITTE (AP)

HEARSAY | HEALTH

"These birth defects can occur ... when most women could not even know they are expecting."

-ROBERT STROUBE

VIRGINIA HEALTH COMMISSIONER ON A NEW CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE FOLIC ACID INTAKE



Emissions Talks Grind To a Halt

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | Ameeting of representatives of the Ehrlich administration and the federal Environmental Protection Agency on mercury air pollution from electric power plants has not produced any results so far, officials sav.

When Gov. Robert Ehrlich rejected a request in May from Attorney General J. Joseph Curran to join other states in filing a lawsuit challenging the EPA's decision to exempt coal-fired power plants from mercury emission rules, he said talks with EPA Administrator Stephen L. Johnson might be more productive and get results more quickly than a lawsuit.

But when Maryland Department of the Environment officials met with EPA officials last month in their first discussion of the mercury rules, Johnson did not attend because Ehrlich was not part of the Maryland delegation.

"That was clearly an ineffectual route to take," said Erin Fitzsimmons, Chesapeake Regional Coordinator for the Waterkeeper Alliance. (AP)



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Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be

YOU'RE HIRED? Donald Trump should bid on a contract to renovate U.N. headquarters if he thinks he's the man for the job, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Monday. Trump predicted last week at a Senate hearing that costs will skyrocket under the current plan.



Money

Existing Home Sales Set Record

Median price up 14.7% to \$219,000 nationally, amid fears of bubble

WASHINGTON | Sales of existing homes in the United States set a record in June with home prices shooting up at the fastest pace in nearly 25 years.

The National Association of Realtors reported that existing homes were sold at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 7.33 million units last month, a gain of 2.7 percent from the May sales pace.

The torrid sales pace helped to push the median price of an existing home up to a record of \$219,000 last month, a gain of 14.7 percent from the median, or midpoint, for prices a year ago. That was the biggest jump in prices since November 1980.

The June performance was better than expectations as the nation's housing market continued to flash signals that some parts of the country could be in the grip of what Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan last week called a "speculative fervor."

The concern is that housing prices are rising at a pace that is unsustainable and that in some parts of the country could start declining if rising interest rates begin to weaken demand.

Such a development could spell trouble for homeowners who find the value of their homes falling below the value of the mortgage they obtained to finance the purchase. MARTIN CRUTSINGER (AP)

Market Action

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Fed Funds close

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Whrlpl	82.68	+5.50	+7.1	SirnaThera	4.05	+1.42	+54.1		
SmedvA	22.80	+1.50	+7.0	Lifecell	20.38	+3.99	+24.3		
KatyInd	3.57	+.23	+6.9	IPIX Cp	4.13	+.75	+22.2		
Ecolab	33.57	+1.67	+5.2	Forward	24.00	+4.01	+20.1		
Losers				Losers					
HarvNRes	9.04	-1.92	-17.5	NetServic	2.32	52	-18.3		
ParTch	32.20	-5.63	-14.9	WldAccep	26.66	-5.43	-16.9		
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Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)				
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Canadian Dollar	1.2188	1.2187	1.3211	
European Euro	.8299	.8289	.8262	
Japanese Yen	111.50	111.20	110.09	
Mexican Peso	10.6970	10.6090	11.4370	
Taiwanese Dollar	31.70	31.54	34.00	

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BiogenIdc	38.50	+.04	-42.2
Celgene s	46.90	-1.26	+76.8
ChRvLab	51.16	82	+11.2
Chiron	35.52	09	+6.6
Genentch	86.01	-1.59	+58.0
Genzyme	67.81	97	+16.8
GileadSci s	42.85	-1.62	+22.5
Imclone	35.08	87	-23.9
Invitrogn	85.03	71	+26.7
Medlmun	27.08	17	1
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Sony BMG Settles N.Y. Radio Probe

ALBANY, N.Y. | One of the biggest music companies, Sony BMG Music Entertainment, agreed Monday to pay \$10 million and to stop paying radio station employees to feature its artists to settle a probe by New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer.

The agreement resulted from Spitzer's investigation of suspected "pay for play" practices in the music industry.

Spitzer said his investigation showed Sony BMG paid for vaca-



Spitzer

tion packages and electronics for radio programmers, paid for contest giveaways for listeners, paid some operational expenses of radio stations and hired

middlemen known as independent promoters to provide illegal payments to radio stations to get more airplay for its artists. (AP)



ARTNIGHT

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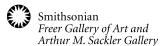
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Sports



OUT OF HIS SHELL: Free agent point guard and former University of Maryland player Sarunas Jasikevicius, considered Europe's most NBA-ready player, has agreed to a three-year contract with the Indiana Pacers, his agent said Monday.

Nats Limp Into Key Series vs. Braves

Johnson may return with first place on the line

NATIONALS | The Braves and Nationals look like first-place teams only in the standings as they enter a three-game showdown for the top spot in the NL East.

Weak-hitting Washington has lost 13 of 18 games since July 4 to blow a 5 ½ game lead in the division. But Atlanta, coming off two losses in a three-game weekend series at Arizona, has lost seven of 12.

Hence, the Braves and Nationals are tied for first in the East as aces John Smoltz and Livan Hernandez are scheduled to start Tuesday night's series opener.

Washington manager Frank Robinson said his team has bigger issues than worrying only about the series in Atlanta. "You can't worry about first place," Robinson said. "If we continue to play the way we're playing, we can forget about playing for anything."

The Nationals, last in the majors in runs scored, have been without first baseman Nick Johnson since June 27 with a bruised right heel. Johnson began a rehab stint with Triple-A Saturday and could join the team as early as Tuesday.

Third baseman Vinny Castilla,

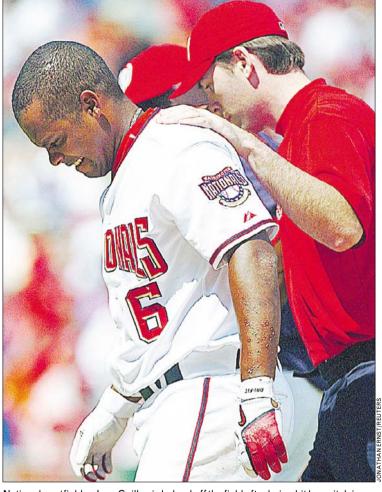
who has been out with a sore knee, played late Sunday but is not full speed. And Jose Guillen was hit by a pitch on his wrist in Sunday's loss to Houston. X-rays were negative, but Robinson wasn't sure of Guillen's chances for Tuesday's game.

A Numbers Game

→ When it comes to numbers,
Frank Robinson would rather just
not know. Which may be the reason that halfway through last season he handed one of the most
cherished of all managerial duties
— the writing of the lineup — to
his bench coach, Eddie Rodriguez,
who adores the numbers. | Sports

(In the Washington Post

Robinson said having Johnson back would not provide an instant cure. "A boost? What's he going to hit? For everybody?" Robinson asked. "It's going to take him a while to get back into it. If we're going to depend on Nick Johnson to come in and wake us up and win ball games offensively, we're going to be waiting a long time. Everybody's got to get a wake-up call here." Charles odum (AP)



Nationals outfielder Jose Guillen is helped off the field after being hit by a pitch in Sunday's loss. He is listed as day-to-day entering a crucial set of games in Atlanta.

Redskins Sign 5th-Round Draft Choice

In Brief

SWIMMING

Phelps Avoids Washout, Qualifies for 200 Freestyle

Michael Phelps breezed into the semifinals of the 200 free at swimming's World Championships on Monday, recovering from his preliminary round elimination in the 400 meters a day earlier. Australian Grant Hackett, who won Sunday's 400 free, was the top qualifier at 1 minute, 47.88 seconds — keeping himself on track for a delayed showdown with Phelps, who won his heat and was second fastest at 1:48.53. (AP)



Michael Phelps had the second-fastest time in the 200 freestyle on Monday.

ORIOLES

Catcher Lopez Makes Return

Javy Lopez returned from a twomonth stay on the 15-day disabled list Monday, eager to provide addi-

tional punch to the Baltimore Orioles' struggling offense. Lopez broke his right hand on May 24 during a 3-2 victory over Seattle. The



Lopez

catcher went on the disabled list the following day, and Baltimore went 22-31 without him. The Orioles (50-47) entered Monday night's game against Texas mired in a five-game losing streak. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

BASEBALL (7:30 P.M. ON MASN) All-Stars Livan Hernandez and John Smoltz are the starting pitchers in Tuesday's battle for first place between the Washington Nationals and the Atlanta Brayes.

REDSKINS | Fifth-round draft

pick Robert McCune signed with

the Washington Redskins on

started 27 games with the Cardinals

over four years and had six sacks

serving three years in the Army

and two interceptions.

The linebacker from Louisville

He attended Louisville after

Monday.

BASEBALL (7P.M. ON COMCAST) Cameramen beware: Kenny Rogers is scheduled to pitch for the Texas Rangers in the second game of their series against the Baltimore Orioles.

BASKETBALL (8 P.M. ON FOX SPORTS NETWORK) Tomorrow's college stars take the court for the championship game of the Las Vegas Prep Basketball

National Guard, including three

months in South Korea and three

picks to sign: third-round selection

Manuel White and first-rounders

Carlos Rogers and Jason Campbell.

Both Rogers and Campbell played

at Auburn. Players report for train-

The Redskins have three more

months in Kuwait.

ing camp Sunday. (AP)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (IO P.M. ON ESPN2)
Chamique Holdsclaw and the L.A.
Sparks visit the Phoenix Mercury.

NATIONALS

Cordero Put on Waivers

The Washington Nationals placed Wil Cordero on waivers Monday for the purpose of granting him his unconditional release. The move was expected after the Nationals designated the first baseman-outfielder for assignment last week. Cordero, 33, batted .118 (6-for-51) with two RBIs in 29 games. (AP)

Williams Apologetic In Return

FOOTBALL | With an apology to fans and teammates, running back Ricky Williams returned from retirement and joined the Miami Dolphins for their first training camp practice Monday.

"There were things about life that I wanted to explore outside of football, and I had never had the chance," said the running back, who sat out the 2004 season, after practice. "I realize by making that decision, I affected the team in a negative way and upset a lot of fans. So I do offer an apology to all the people who were negatively impacted."



Ricky Williams decided to keep his beard when coming back to the NFL.

One question — the first one momentarily stumped him: Why did he return? "Why? Why? I don't know. I don't know," he said.

Williams said he no longer smokes marijuana but declined to discuss the subject further.

He faces a four-game suspension at the start of the season for violating the NFL substance abuse policy. Steven wine (AP)

Sports

Lance's Goodbye **Starts New Cycle**

With Armstrong gone, who will win Tour and will anyone still watch?

CYCLING | Lance Armstrong is gone. What now for the Tour de France?

For one, it should be a more closely contested race next year, with former champion Jan Ullrich and emerging new rivals battling for the yellow jersey. "Without Armstrong here, everyone's going to think they've got the Holy Grail," American rider Chris Horner said.

"He contributed to the myth of the Tour," deputy race director Christian Prudhomme said, "Next year the suspense will be far higher, there will no longer be a huge favorite."

The seven-time champ's departure offers hope to Ullrich, the 1997 champion from Germany who has been a five-time runner-up. Italian rider Ivan Basso, who finished third in 2004 and second this year, is another potential champion.

Back home, Armstrong's performances led to a huge boost in television ratings. He conquered a



Lance Armstrong learned to count to seven with his Tour de France victory.

primarily European sport his own way and brought it into living rooms across America. During this year's Tour, the OLN network — which held exclusive TV rights - reported its prime-time ratings had tripled over the network's usual programming.

"Next year will be the trial year, to see if we can sustain the interest," said Frankie Andreu, a former teammate of Armstrong's now working for OLN. Jerome pugmire (AP)

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MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

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Boston	54	44	.551	_	27-18	27-26
N.Y. Yankees	52	45	.536	1.5	29-19	23-26
Baltimore	50	47	.515	3.5	27-20	23-27
Toronto	49	49	.500	5	26-20	23-29
Tampa Bay	35	64	.354	19.5	23-26	12-38
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L.A. Angels	59	40	.596	_	30-22	29-18
Oakland	53	45	.541	5.5	30-17	23-28
Texas	48	49	.495	10	28-24	20-25
Seattle	42	55	.433	16	22-24	20-31

NATIONAL LEAGUE

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Washington	55	44	.556	_	32-18	23-26
Philadelphia	52	47	.525	3	33-22	19-25
N.Y. Mets	51	47	.520	3.5	32-21	19-26
Florida	49	47	.510	5.5	25-22	24-25
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Houston	51	47	.520	- 11	30-14	21-33
Chicago	50	48	.510	12	24-22	26-26
Milwaukee	48	51	.485	14.5	26-17	22-34
Pittsburgh	43	56	.434	19.5	24-27	19-29
Cincinnati	42	56	.429	20	31-25	11-31
WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
San Diego	50	49	.505	_	29-18	21-31

Standings through July 24 games

Central Division of the ACC's new football league by the media covering the conference on Monday. Florida State is favored to win the Atlantic Division, which also includes Maryland. The Terps are predicted to finish fifth in the six-team grouping. Virginia was voted third in the Central. (EXPRESS)

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Entertainment

The Barbarian's Back

Conan makes a comeback that goes far beyond comics

HEROES | Anything is possible once you enter the fantasy world that is Comic-Con International, the biggest comic book convention on Earth. Comic-Con, which took place last week at the San Diego Convention Center, boasts the largest convocation of geeks you'll ever see.

But it's no longer just for comic, horror, anime and sci-fi/fantasy fans. It's also about high-stakes commerce: the selling of video games, books, toys, memorabilia, posters, DVDs — and Hollywood event movies.

On the main floor, Swedish emigre Fredrik Malmberg, head of Licensing and Creative Affairs for L.A.-based Conan Properties International, manned the Conan booth. It featured a line of collectible Conan action figures; Conan daggers and swords (a replica of the Conan sword, on display at the Smithsonian Institute, costs \$3,500); Funcom's preview of its "Age of Conan - Hyborian Adventures" online action roleplaying game; Ace Books' first volume in its "The Age of Conan" novel series; and Dark Horse's "Conan"



MORE MUSCLE: Arnold Schwarzenegger probably won't reprise his 1982 movie role.

comic books ("Brutal! Barbaric! Bone-crushing!").

One of the world's best-known fantasy characters, Conan, King

of Aquilonia came roaring to life from the perfervid imagination of young Texan Robert E. Howard, who delivered 17 tough, passionate Conan short stories to the pulp magazine "Weird Tales" from 1932-36. And after ups and downs in the pop-culture spotlight, he's on the rise again.

Two years ago, there was not a single Conan product at Comic-Con. Since then, Malmberg has discovered that fans of Conan are alive and well.

"Conan is such a strong character," said Malmberg. "He's taken on his own life, like Tarzan or Holmes. His world has an historic feel to it — it's fantasy, but it doesn't have elves or goblins. We wanted to go back to the roots with the property. The original Howard stories read like movie scripts."

With comics, trade paperbacks, a new series of commissioned novels, an animated film and collectible card game in the works, Malmberg is focusing on the most crucial step: getting a feature movie made. Warner Bros. production president Jeff Robinov, who with director Chris Nolan successfully reinvented the Batman franchise, hopes to do the same with Bryan Singer's "Superman Returns," "Wonder Woman,' and Conan.

"I love the character," said Robinov. "You have to get to the core of who the Conan character was. It's like catching mercury." ANNE THOMPSON (THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER)

Today's Top Stops

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Terry MacMillan: Modern Girls

The much-loved — and, lately, much put-upon — author Terry McMillan swings through town with her latest novel, "The Interruption of Everything," in which she brings the same humor and insight to the crises, minor and major, of the middle-aged contemporary woman as she did to the younger version with "Waiting to Exhale."

Karibu Books, Bowie Town Center, 15624 Emerald Way; Bowie; 6:30 p.m., free: 301-352-4110.



Author Terry McMillan's works age along with her enthusiastic audience.

Catfish Hodge: Three Times the Blues

American blues-master Catfish Hodge brings along a coupla pals — Cleveland Wehle (keyboards) and Anita Casaburta (harmonica) — to make up an exuberant trio.

Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage, 2700 F St. NW; 6 p.m., free; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)

Susan Cowsill: Busting Loose

Seventies' power-pop legend Susan Cowsill puts aside her past as a family-group member and emerges the solo butterfly with "Just Believe It." She's at Iota with Karl Straub Combo.

Iota Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 8:30 p.m., \$12; 703-522-8340. (Clarendon)

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Current Shuns Politics

Al Gore vows his new TV channel, Current, will be non-partisan

ANGLES | Former Vice President Al Gore, co-founder of a new television channel launching Aug. 1, said he's staying away from politics — and so is his media venture.

"I consider myself a recovering politician. I'm on step nine," Gore told the Television Critics Association on Monday. The 2004 Democratic candidate for president was asked if he was concerned the 24-hour news and information channel, called Current, would be perceived as having a political slant.

"I think the reality of the network will speak for itself. It's not intended to be partisan in any way," said Gore, Current's co-founder (with Joel Hyatt).

Aimed at an 18-to-34-year-old audience, Current has loftier goals in mind than party politics: Gore



Gore explains his vision for Current to the Television Critics Association.

said it will engage young people in the "dialogue of democracy" and will involve them in the channel's content.

"We want to be the television home page for the Internet generation," said Gore.

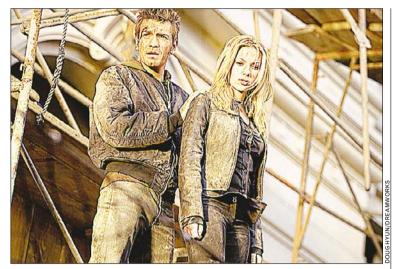
Viewers will have the opportunity to contribute their own filmed reports and features, said Gore and David Neuman, Current's programming president.

Preparing to launch Current in 20 million homes on DirecTV, Time Warner Cable and Comcast in limited markets "has been a blast," Gore said. The five-year plan calls for it to reach 50 million homes.

Entertainment



WE'RE AFRAID TO ASK: Mel Gibson's at it again. The "Passion of the Christ" director has another self-financed epic in the works, this one set 3,000 years in the past. Gibson has declined to describe much more about "Apocalypto," set for a summer 2006 release.



OUR BODIES, OUR SELVES: Some say McGregor and Johansson look familiar.

Did Bay Say, 'Copy That'?

A new film about clones looks like an old film about clones

EERIE SIMILARITIES | Twenty-six years ago, a film was made about a colony of undereducated clones raised to be organ donors for rich humans. When one of the clones learns that the Big Rock Candy Mountain to which their superiors have promised to send them turns out to be a discarded-bodyparts farm, he legs it and is pursued by assassins dispatched by an evil scientist.

If the story of the 1979 horror cheapie "Parts: The Clonus Horror" sounds familiar, that's because it's very close — certainly in all the above particulars - to that of "The Island," a film starring Ewan McGregor and Scarlett Johansson (as the comely replicants) and directed by crash-and-chase master Michael Bay.

That's right: The clone movie may itself be a clone.

"Parts" isn't entirely obscure. It basked in a cheesy spotlight on the comedy show "Mystery Science Theater 3000," appearing in the show's eighth season as the target of the host and his robot sidekicks'



unrelenting snark.

Since the two films' similarities were first remarked upon in print by the Seattle Times' Mark Rahner on Friday, fans of "MST3K" have been lighting up online discussion boards in support of "Parts" director Robert S. Fiveson.

"I hope Robert Fiveson gets a buck or two," wrote a moderator on "Mystery Science Theater 3000: The Discussion Board." "He needs to finance the 'Parts' sequel."

Contacted via e-mail, former "MST3K" star and comic Mike Nelson said "The Island" "most certainly is a pale copy of Parts: The Clonus Horror.

"Ewan McGregor is no Peter Graves and when you need a Dick Sargent, a Scarlett Johansson just doesn't cut it." Arion berger (express)

A'Mars' Landing

UPN hands over the popular 'Veronica Mars' to its net twin

FRESH EYES | "Veronica Mars" crosses over to CBS next week when UPN's cult and critical fave starts a summer run of four episodes designed to "reach a whole new audience," said UPN president Dawn Ostroff.

The mystery-drama pilot repeats on CBS next Friday at 8 p.m., followed by another episode at 9. Two more run at 8 p.m. Aug. 5 and 12. Both networks are owned by Viacom.

The textured tangle of family and community secrets revolves around a clever high school student (Kristen



BELL OF THE BALL: For a spell, Kristen Bell takes Veronica Mars' act to CBS.

Bell) who moonlights with her private-eye dad, so it epitomizes UPN's new target demographic of women 18 to 34 years old. After premiering last fall on Tuesday to strong reviews but weak ratings, "Mars" moves to Wednesday, into the prime slot after UPN's hit "America's Next Top Model."

Though "Model's" love-to-hate judge Janice Dickinson is being supplanted this fall by '60s model sensation Twiggy, Ostroff told TV critics this week that Dickinson will return for several episodes doing "something that you've never really seen Janice do before."

In other UPN news, with the end of "Enterprise," the network launched 10 years ago by "Voyager" will have no "Star Trek" series and no fantasy hour in its lineup. The irony is that ABC's success with "Lost" has inspired a new craze for the genre. "It's the first time every other network has a science-fiction show on," Ostroff said, "except UPN." DIANE WERTS (NEWSDAY)



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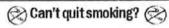
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Television



THE SMELL OF DESPERATION: Who would step on a confident singing frog in a top hat? The WB network, that's who. It fired its mascot, Warner Bros. cartoon character Michigan J. Frog, in favor of an "awesome" new, teen-attracting graffiti-inspired logo.

Bring the Funny

'Situation: Comedy' can't see past its own navel to find a winner

DEBUT | Like "Project Greenlight," "Situation: Comedy" (8 p.m., Bravo), invites unknowns to offer story ideas and scripts to producers and TV professionals, including show creator Sean Hayes ("Will & Grace"). The hopefuls discuss their shows and gush about how lucky they are to appear on "Situation: Comedy." And along the way, we see how producers and show runners whip a comedy from concept to script to finished pilot.



VAST WASTELAND: Hayes and producing partner Todd Milliner with scripts.

This should be fascinating, but it is not. What other business bores its potential customers with the nitty-gritty of its process? When you look to buy a Chevy, the salesman doesn't force you to watch an assembly line at a Dearborn factory.

The air of self-congratulation is the most irksome aspect of "Situation" and "Greenlight." "Greenlight" promised to open the filmmaking process to independents, but all it did was show us the meta-creation of three forgettable films. On "Situation," Hayes says he wants to "save" TV comedy.

This is the creative bankruptcy of people who are so enamored of their own business that they can't conceive of people being interested in anything else. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

JUMPING FOR LIFE

On **WIDE ANGLE** (10 p.m., PBS), "Border Jumpers" examines the often-desperate Zimbabweans who try to jump the border into neighboring Botswana.

SWORDS, SANDALS, ETC.

EMPIRE (10 p.m., ABC) Antony and Octavius meet on the field of battle in the concluding episode.

SHORT ANSWER: NO

Is anybody still watching **AVERAGE JOE: THE JOES STRIKE BACK** (8 p.m., NBC)?

MAYBE SO, BUT IT'S STILL BETTER THAN 'AVERAGE JOE'

Western civilization declines on I WANT TO BE A HILTON (9 p.m., NBC).

'YOU DO IT.' 'NO. YOU DO IT'

DIRTY JOBS (10 p.m., Discovery) will make viewers grateful that scientists never



WHERE THE VILE THINGS ARE: "Dirty Jobs" host Rowe with exterminators.

invented smell-o-vision. Host Mike Rowe travels with a sanitation crew, watches tons of rotting produce turned into industrial compost and scrambles over the grimy acreage of a vast automobile graveyard. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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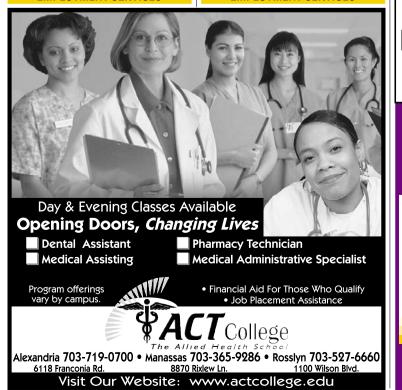
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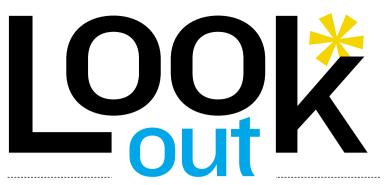
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trend of transforming the annual family vacation into a cultural history lesson. "It's the second-fastest-growing market segment of tourism," said Rich Harrill, director of the University of South Carolina's Institute for Tourism Research. He listed nature-based tourism

SLAVE LABOR: In Virginia, Robert Watson shows what life was like 200 years ago.

Southern states need to pay attention to preserving important black landmarks and cultural areas such as the parts of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida that were settled by slave descendants.

A mainstay in Virginia, Colonial Williamsburg recently added a new tool in its attempts to freshen his-

Great Hopes Plantation replicates an 18th century, middleincome plantation complete with black field slaves and a tiny slave dwelling.

It's touted as a more handson approach than older slavery

Tourism

Black history trips boom as visitors seek a link with the past

For years, students crammed shoulder to shoulder into Robert R. Moton High School in Farmville, Va., holding overflow classes in tarpaper shanties and even school buses — all in the name of segregated education.

Finally on April 23, 1951, the black students organized a walkout. They would later join a handful of schools included in the landmark Brown v. Board of Education, outlawing school segregation.

That bit of civil rights history draws about 1,000 visitors a year to a modest museum at the school. Travel industry experts say it's an example of the kind of historical sites Southern states are promoting as they ride a wave of black

It's called heritage tourism, the

as No. 1.

It's particularly popular among middle-class blacks.

Rediscovering Roots

The result is about \$30.5 billion in black tourist spending annually, according to the Travel Industry Association of America. It estimates black travel volume increased about 4 percent from 2000 to 2002, compared to 2 percent for overall travel.

Consciousness, not just cash, plays a role, said Angela da Silva, owner of the National Black Tourism

For so long, our heritage was stripped from us. There's so many angles of the truth coming to light."

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Network in St. Louis.

"For so long, our heritage was stripped from us," she said. "There's so many more different angles of the truth coming to light."

Da Silva said black tourists are willing to wade through the pain of visiting some of the centers of bigotry to reconnect with their

Travel industry officials say

representations at Williamsburg. And black tourists are intrigued, said Jason Gordon, a black interpreter at Williamsburg.

"They want to know the realities," he said, as he watched site supervisor Robert Watson direct a tourist group planting gourd seeds in a mock slave garden. "They don't want it sugar-coated." DIONNE WALKER (AP)



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Real Estate

Beyond the red-hot markets, hard work. simple tactics pay off

The Pink House does not look like a family establishment.

Outside, the battered house on the scruffy north side of Tulsa, Okla., is the color of Pepto Bismol hence the name.

Inside, walls have been painted a nauseating turquoise-and-magenta pattern. There is a bar where the dining room would be. In the corner of one cavernous room is a tiny. carpeted stage.

Yet when she surveyed the overgrown yard and grimy commercial kitchen, Trisha Allen saw it as the charming yet affordable future abode for a big Midwestern clan.

"This is a money maker," said Kent Hildebrand, her agent.

In the past eight months, the 30year-old computer technician has turned less than \$20,000 into an impressive little collection of rental properties. The Pink House is her most recent acquisition.

In this era of skyrocketing prices and rock-bottom interest rates. many people share Allen's dream. Slick self-help gurus host \$3,000 seminars where they promise to reveal "secrets" that can turn anybody - even you - into a real estate tycoon.

In especially hot markets such as Miami and San Diego, people buy and sell condos as if they were trading tchotchkes on eBay.

"Housing turnover is now reaching Ponzi-like proportions," warned Stephen S. Roach, chief economist for Morgan Stanley.

Real estate mania is this decade's version of the irrational exuberance that pushed Internet stocks to ridiculous heights during the last decade, only to come crashing down at the beginning of this



FIXER-UPPER: Sure, this house has problems, but Trisha Allen knows its potential.

one. A lot of would-be real estate tycoons may soon rue the day they started buying property.

But Allen isn't likely to be one of them. She lives and invests outside the bubble, where home values have climbed much more modestly over the past few years and landlords can still expect to collect enough rent to cover their costs.

In a world gone mad for metes and bounds, she is an example of what it takes to succeed in real estate reality - hard work, business acumen and a high tolerance for the odor of mildew.

Home prices in Tulsa have risen a modest 2.8 percent over the past three years, a tiny fraction of the appreciation in bigger cities such as Los Angeles (84.9 percent), New York (53.3 percent) and even Milwaukee (31.9 percent).

But Allen wants nothing to do with granite countertops and double-height foyers — never mind that she can't afford it. She obsessively scours the real estate listings for rundown properties that are listed below their true value. Then she bargains hard to get the best possible price.

"A lot of it is just recognizing deals where other people don't see them," she said.

But transforming a house from eyesore to dream home isn't effortless either

With the real estate market as hot as it is, contractors take on more business than they can handle. A job that should take weeks stretches into months, delaying the rental income that keeps this enterprise afloat.

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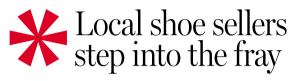
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A recent Chicago Tribune article set | BOOTY (2439 18th Street NW; 202off a fashion firestorm when it questioned the footwear of Northwestern University's women's lacrosse team on a White House visit two weeks ago. At least four players can be seen wearing flip-flops in the nowinfamous photo of the team with POTUS himself. We asked five shoe boutique own-

ers for their thoughts on the flip-flop flap and for some Oval Office-OK suggestions.

Fashion Reaction Jennifer Marfino of SHOEFLY (2618 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington; 703-243-6490), often sells flip-flops to teens headed to the prom. "What's a sandal and what's a flip-flop?" she said. "Some might be appropriate for dressier occasions." But: "Opentoed shoes are not appropriate for any conservative environment."

"Open toed, absolutely; flipflops, absolutely not," said Sara Cannova, co-owner of SASSANOVA (1641 Wisconsin Avenue NW; 202-471-4400). While Cannova deemed flip-flops fine for, say, a casual wedding, they shouldn't darken the door of the Oval Office.

Kathy Amoroso of SHAKE YOUR

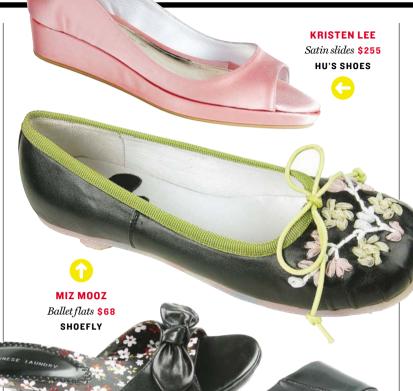
518-8205) agreed that flip-flops have their place. She was surprised to see some of the players' moms defending them on TV. "If it were my daughter, I would have wondered, 'What were you thinking?"

"I hate that Americans are wearing flip-flops everywhere — to fine dining, to the grocery store, the theater," said Toddre Monier of WILD WOMEN WEAR RED (1512 U Street NW;

202-387-5700). "I was an athlete, and I understand that you often don't have time to perfect your style. But you can at least find a summery shoe."

"They're never appropriate" for a formal situation, said Marlene Hu Aldaba of

HU'S SHOES (3005 M Street NW; 202-342-2828). "Ever." KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)



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by Michael Mazzei and Leland Hirsch, the magical glue is perfect for a quick run through the hair after showering or even for a more dramat-

ic, gotta-hold-it look. Most of all, buy it for its ability to maintain the desired style throughout the day. Did we mention that it doesn't flake, even when slept

DEAR MANOLO ► ► THE SHOEBLOGGER ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS

Today, Express welcomes Manolo the Shoeblogger. Manolo (not Blahnik) took a certain fashion-conscious niche of the Internet by storm when he launched Manolo's Shoe Blog (shoeblogs.com) in October of 2004. Writing in the voice of the fashionista you always wanted to be. Manolo discusses shoes both lovely and ludicrous; though his taste is high-end, he has a sharp eye for a bargain. He now brings his sage advice, his devotion to Prada and his trademark "Ayyyyyyy!" to the print medium exclusively in Express.

Dear Manolo, Please tell me your take on the emergence of the flipflop as the shoe of choice for any and all occasions. -Bubbles

Manolo says, Ayyyyyyy! Like the Bubbles, the Manolo he is indeed most offended by the ubiquity of the rubber flip-flop. It is as if the whole world it has gone mad for the shower shoe, wearing what is suitable only for the locker room onto the mean and filthy streets of the big city. Trust the Manolo, this

it is the prescription for the disaster. As the genius Jimmy Buffet once sang in his masterwork, "stepped on the poptop, blew out the flip-flop." If you must wear the flat sandal he recommends to you the

Kenzo 25317. This happy shoe it will cheer you with its most unusual and stylish design. Even the better, your feets they will be cool, comfortable, and protected from the most vicious of the urban poptops. SEND YOUR QUESTIONS TO MANOLO@SHOEBLOGS.COM





Tail and Ears Not Included. We Hope

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16 than siren? Up your allure with the new PLAYBOY BEAUTY **COLLECTION** (\$12.50 to \$36 at beauty.com). Sheathed in sleek gold, black and fuchsia casings embossed with the Playboy Bunny logo, the line's tantalizing textures and covetable colors are designed to make heads turn. Longing for that vampy-vixen look? Lacquer your lips with luscious Centerfold Red lipgloss. Want a more sex kitten style? Dust your cheeks using the shimmering Pink Pussycat blush. The line includes everything a playmate could desire from liquid eve shadow to pearlescent body balm. Bonus: Since the products are infused with vitamins, conditioners and anti-oxidant ingredients, this flirty collection



is no guilty pleasure. (THE DAILY)

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Tour de France

Lance's Ways

Post sports columnist **SALLY JENKINS** was online Monday to discuss Lance Armstrong's seventh victory in the Tour de France | washingtonpost.com/

(Jenkins co-wrote the books "It's Not About the Bike" and "Every Second Counts" with Armstrong.)

Is there validity to the criticisms that Lance is only after the yellow jersey and couldn't care less about the green or polka dot? Is it looked down upon that all he needs to do is keep up with a handful of riders instead of winning stages?

To win the tour, you have to ration your efforts. If you go for the sprint or climbing bonuses, you would wear yourself out. Lance has always told me that those efforts are very costly. "You only have so many of them in you," he says. So it's not a question of caring, it's a question of race strategy and stamina.

Over the past few months I have witnessed Armstong lauded as the greatest athlete living, to others who say, "It's a bike — anyone can ride a bike." What is your take?

Anyone who thinks they can ride a bike should go to gym, get on the stationary and start pedaling. When your heart rate gets to 140, hold it there and see how long you can go. Or better yet, get it up to 160, and then 180, which is where Lance's heart rate is during a time trial. See how long you can last. My

guess is that you'd last about two minutes.

Lance can ride at that pace for three to five hours. Next, as a test of your hand-eye, try descending an Alp at 70 miles an hour on two wheels that are only an inch thick.

What's up with Lance just killing the rest of the other riders for seven years now?

Lance's methods have been superior, I think. Training, technology, all of it. No other rider goes into the Alps and rehearses the big climbs with a heart monitor and a computer readout, analyzes the output, and then rides it again and again until he hits the number he wants. That's what Lance does. He knows the percentage of every grade, and what his heart rate and cadence should be, and for how long, if he wants to win the stage. No one else weighs their food, either. His preparation is what has killed them. He's always said, he wins the tour in December, not July.

→ Today on Live Online

I P.M.: Post staff writer Gilbert M. Gaul discusses his series this week on problems with Medicare, including wasteful spending, oversight gaps and secretive contractors.

Letters

Disparaging Word for Moms

A JULY 20 ARTICLE had a caption that read "Baby-Mamas: The sisters of Mary Mary are guided by their faith and their new children — they each have a girl." Baby mama is a derogatory term used to denote mothers of illegitimate children. Both sisters in the singing group were married to the father of their children when they became pregnant and subsequently gave birth. I understand that the title was meant to imply that these women look at

motherhood as more important than their career, but you used a term that denotes a sinful lifestyle to comment on a Christian singing group. I think that you should deliver a retraction.

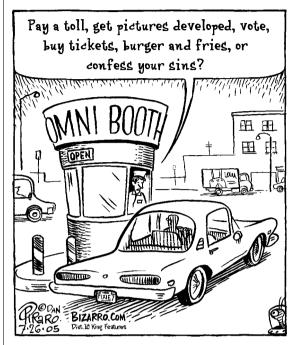
> -LYDIA J. CARLIS Honolulu, Hawaii

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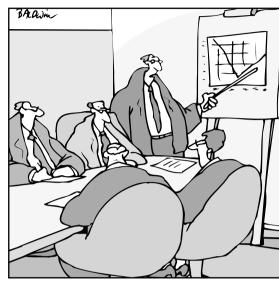
IN RESPONSE TO the complaint (July 25, Letters) about Metro police: Maybe they were off duty or on their way to another station. Give them a break! You should be happy just for their presence.

- CRYSTAL VANISON Alexandria,Va.

Bizarro | Dan Piraro



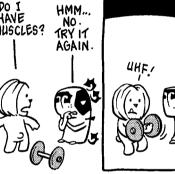
Cornered | Mike Baldwin



"Things look much better long-term, once we pass the statute of limitations."

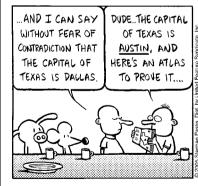
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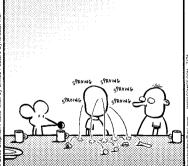






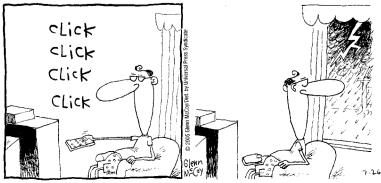
Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis







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BUBBLE TALK Ouch. 87% in one year? How'd you like to be holding an interest only loan for \$800K and find your home worth about \$105K? Am I doing the math right?"

COUNTERSIGNATURE BLOGSPOT.COM REACTS TO MONDAY'S WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE ON THE COOLING D.C. HOUSING MARKET. THE STORY DESCRIBED THE CRASH OF BOSTON'S MARKET IN THE 1980S. WHICH FELL 87 PERCENT IN ONE YEAR

THE Blog LOG

SLAMMING LANCE

"Many people, and they've almost always been women as far as I can tell, hold a grudge against him for the failure of his marriage."

CLINTONSWELTANSCHAUUNG BLOG **SPOT.COM ON LANCE ARMSTRONG**

FLEEING IRAQ

"khalid now is free, he is in the way to Amman. thanks for God, and all the people who prayed for his release."

FAIZA, THE BLOGGING MOTHER OF AFAMILY INBAGHDAD.BLOGSPOT.COM, ON HER BLOGGER SON KHALID'S RELEASE FROM A **BAGHDAD JAIL**



"When people ask me how my life has changed, I just shrug. It hasn't really. ... Yes, sometimes I get the 'Are you Stephanie Klein?' thing. But overall, it's still me in here, ya know. Yeah, these events, articles, deals, whatever, they're all happening around me, but really I feel like an observer to it all, as well."

STEPHANIEKLEIN.BLOGS.COM ON BEING A FAMOUS BLOGGER

LOVIN' K-FED "They do always seem to be in love. K-Fed may not be the brightest person of all time but he knows enough to love a good thing when he's got one."

PINKISTHENEWBLOG.COM ON KEVIN FEDERLINE AND BRITNEY SPEARS

GO OUTSIDE. A National Weather Service heat advisory is in effect until 8 p.m. and

could be upgraded to an excessive heat warning (visit nws.noaa.gov for updates). So

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A good day for travel, but you may not be in the driver's seat. If you find yourself following along, be patient and willing to help out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll receive a warning, from friends, loved ones or even yourself, regarding overwork and domestic tensions. Play it safe.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Don't take yourself so seriously that you are unable to recognize an opportunity for fun that comes your way unexpectedly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You'll enjoy having the upper hand during the first part of the day, but you'll have to fight to keep it later on. Don't let yourself down.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A contest or athletic event gives you a welcome opportunity to show off in a new way for those who may well be taken by surprise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may receive for free something that you were willing to pay handsomely for in the days to come. More bargains are in store.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Events will demand a little more sympathy and compassion — and a willingness to let bygones be bygones. Now is no time to hold a grudge

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Slowly building fatigue may be catching up for you at this time. Don't try to do too much at any one time; pace yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're entering a phase of increased power and vision. Those around you will appreciate your natural wisdom as well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Emphasis may be on money, but not in the way you expect. By day's end, you may have learned one or two important lessons about yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A subtle reminder may come your way that gets you moving in a new direction and that gets you to honor a long-standing agreement.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You won't lose your enthusiasm for a long-term project quite yet, especially since you're nearing a major milestone.

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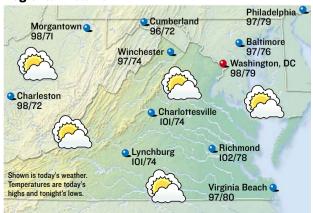
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Denver	67/49/t	79/57/s
Honolulu	88/76/pc	89/76/pc
Los Angeles	84/66/s	82/64/pc
Miami	91/77/t	92/77/t
New York City	95/79/pc	96/70/t
Orlando	96/76/t	94/76/t

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World Cities

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Buenos Aires	59/51/s	59/52/pc
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SLEAZE

Our Love Will Live Forever In the Money I Make Off You

One of **JENNIFER ANISTON**'s former flings is auctioning off letters, notes, pictures and other memorabilia from the "Friends" star. Michael Baroni, a

Californialawver who claims he had a summer romance in 1984 with Aniston, is selling keepsakes such as a make-



shift birthday card she wrote on a piece of toilet paper and a childhood picture of the pair. According to Baroni, their summer lovin' - he was 16, she was 15 — turned into a longtime friendship until they lost contact in 1991. (AP)



Ricky gives the goofy smile of peace.

TRAVELERS

Ricky Reaches Out

On his first visit to the Middle East, **RICKY MARTIN** declared he will try to change negative perceptions of Arab youth in the West. "I promise I will become a spokesperson, if you allow me to, a spokesperson on your behalf. I will defend you and try to get rid of any stereotypes," the singer told kids from 16 mainly Arab countries at a youth conference on Monday in Amman, Jordan. (AP)

VERDICTS

Cammy Secrets Safe

A photographer who took topless pictures of **CAMERON DIAZ** before she became a star was convicted of forgery, attempted grand theft and perjury Monday for a scheme to sell the images back to the actress 11 years later for millions of dollars. John Rutter, 42, faces up to six years in prison. Sentencing was set for Sept. 15. Diaz was a 19year-old aspiring model when the pictures were taken in 1992. She posed in leather boots and fishnet stockings for the shoot and at one point held a chain attached to a



male model's

neck. (AP)

One step forward for sleazy photographers, two steps back.

CRITICISM

Courtney Loses 20 Good Behavior Points

Though some have labeled David Grohl of the Foo Fighters the "nic-



est guy in rock," **COURTNEY LOVE** would beg to differ. Dave gets to walk away unscathed and be the happy

guy in rock, when he's one of the biggest jerks," Love says in the August issue of Spin, on newsstands Friday. Love, 41, the former lead singer for the band Hole, was praised Saturday by a Los Angeles judge for making progress in a court-ordered drug treatment program. (AP)

EMPLOYMENT

She Shows Initiative — Jessica Should Hire Her

Authorities have accused an East Rutherford, N.J., woman of amassing more than \$12,000 in free

> merchandise by claiming she was an assistant of **JESSICA SIMPSON**. Courtney Handel, 23, was arrested Friday and charged with theft by deception. Police sav Handel sent emails and faxes to companies in which she posed

> > as Simpson assistant CaCee Cobb. but used her own New Jersey address. (AP)



White stallion, Brittany Murphy, Freudian implications not included with jeans.

SYMBOLISM

Brittany on a White Horse ... Must Mean Something

BRITTANY MURPHY stars in a series of new ads for Jordache jeans, the brand that became famous during the 1970s' designer jeans craze. The ads are a twist on the horse-head logo, with the actress wearing the jeans and a sweater and posing on a horse with no saddle. Jordache said the first ads will run in national publications beginning in September. "We chose Brittany as our model because she epitomizes everything that the updated Jordache brand is about," said Liz Berlinger, president of Jordache enterprises. (AP)



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Today in History

a homeland for freed slaves, declared its independence, making it the first democratic republic in Africa's history.

Toward the close of World War II, Winston Churchill stepped down as prime minister when his Conservative government lost to the Labour Party in a general election.

Argentina's first lady, Eva. 1952 "Evita" Peron, a champion of the working classes, died of cancer in Buenos Aires at age 33.

President George H.W. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act, extending civil rights protections in employment, transportation and other areas to people with disabilities.

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Degree of Difficulty: EASY

Fill in the boxes so that each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

Yesterday's Solution

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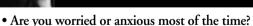
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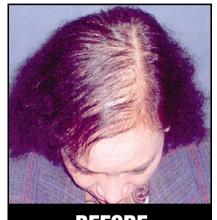
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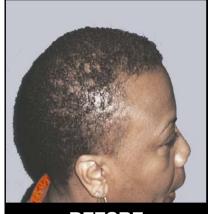
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